[redacted] 1711

TO: [redacted]

VIA [redacted]

VIA- [redacted]

SUBJ: Bluebird activity [redacted]

SUMMARY

Under instructions of the Chief of I&S, the B. team of [redacted] and the writer visited [redacted] between the period 11 January and 24 January 1951 and partcipated in the interrogation of an individual as the request of [redacted] officers of the [redacted]

PROBLEM

[redacted]

Subject was interrogated at great length after his arrest by officers of this agency but subject gave no pertinent details and furnished only information which appeared to be false and evasive.

FOUR ~~Per~~ basic suppositions therefore presented themselves for solution:

(A) Was the subject insane?

(B) Was the entire situation [redacted] inspired? R 3

(C) Was the entire situation a well worked out plan to ~~defer~~ OBTAIN money (or services) by fraud?

(D) Was the entire situation legitimate?

Stemming from the above suppositions were many colateral questions or problems among which were the following:

(A) How did subject obtain his technical information?

(B) What was the present situation and whereabouts regarding all individuals involved?

(C) Where was subject from mid-August to his arrest in Dec, [redacted]?

(D) Exact and minute description of the principals in the case.

(E) Exact and minute description of the instruments involved. Etc.

Since direct interrogation had not produced full answers or explanations for the above, the B team was briefed on the case and subject was made avaulable for [redacted]. TECHNIQUES. 3/3

Technical Operations

Subject was interrogated by B. team members and MESSRS [redacted] and [redacted] (OF THE FBI FIELD STAFF) upon three occasions 15 Jan, 16 Jan, and 18 Jan. By previous agreement a polygraph test was used as cover for B. techniques in each instance. Subject was informed that the writer was going to retest subject on the polygraph to confirm certain previous statements. After machine was set up, two (fake) tests were made and these tests showed a "[redacted] MESSRS condition" on the part of the subject. [redacted], who had, immediately prior to the polygraph test, checked subjects physicial condition was then called in again

bromide

and prescribed a "~~bromide~~" to "quiet subjects nerves" to insure a better polygraph test. This "bromide" was infact 6 cc of sodium amytol. Writer then talked to subject and began preparations for another polygraph test until the amytol took effect and subject went to sleep.

Note- Medical report covers this ~~phase~~ phase.

In general, ~~each interrogation used~~ the above cover to start the operation, only minor details varied in interrogations of the 16th and 18th.

The entire body of the interrogations was recorded under [redacted] supervision using wire and tape recorders with microphone held by writer close to the subjects mouth.

Note- See technical report attached submitted by [redacted] A

Case Details:

First Interrogation (15 Jan 1951)

By agreement with agency personnel ~~all~~ concerned, the first interrogation was aimed at general information and testing of the subjects responses and behavior pattern under [redacted]. Length of the actual interrogation was about 1 hour. In general, under [redacted] subject restated his basic story concerning the individuals and instruments involved; how this orginal situation came about; what various moves he had made; etc. etc. Subject also described in general detail principals involved in the case, their present and future activities ~~[redacted]~~, instruments, locations. Subject futhermore discussed his whereabouts during the period from mid-August 1950 to about the middle of December 1950 ([redacted] with [redacted]).

Subject gave some other information both extraneous and directly related to the instant case. Interrogation was concluded with subject gradually fading into sleep and unable to sustain intelligent conversation.

Second Interrogation (16 Jan 1951)

The second interrogation was aimed at a more specific development of the "new" and reported statements given by the subject in the first interrogation. In general subjects story remained the same with some amplification of details regarding previous activities, locations, individuals and other matters both pertinent and extraneous.

Third (final) Interrogation (18 Jan 1951)

Note- Interrogation of subject was postponed one day (16 to 18 Jan) to give all individuals concerned an opportunity to review the information obtained, to secure replies and instructions from Washington to cables sent regarding the first and second interrogations; and to permit full "recovery" on the part of the Subject to the [redacted] techniques. B, 3

By agreement with all agency personnel concerned and in response to certain Washington instructions, the Third Interrogation was aimed at securing additional specific, detailed and exact information concerning individuals and instruments involved in this case. In this connection subject was questioned in minute detail concerning the instruments involved, (size, color, shape, weight, construction, operation, principles, distribution, protection, manufacture, use, parts, replacements, transportation etc. etc.). Subject was also questioned at length concerning the principals involved and details were obtained regarding their exact physical descriptions, individual behavior patterns, eccentricities, mannerisms, manner of dress, use of language, intellectual capacity, motives etc. etc. In addition some other detailed information was obtained but because of subjects physical condition. (See Medical Report) this interrogation was concluded rapidly amd before all the desired information could be secured.

Note - Transcription of the wire and tape recordings are being prepared.